

**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR SLAUGHTER  
SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES  
*REQUISITOS ZOOSANITARIOS DE MEXICO PARA IMPORTAR OVINOS  
PARA SACRIFICIO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS***

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification by ear tag of the animals to be exported.

Additional information shall include:

*Los animales deben estar acompañados de un Certificado de Salud expedido por un Médico Veterinario acreditado por el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos y endosado por un veterinario de Servicios Veterinarios (USDA). El certificado debe contener el nombre y la dirección del cosignador, del cosignatario y la identificación individual de los animales con aretes. La información adicional debe incluir.*

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / *CERTIFICACIONES***

1. The animals are individually identified with eartags.  
*Los animales están identificados individualmente con aretes.*
2. The animals were inspected prior to export and did not present signs of infectious or contagious diseases.  
*En la inspección previa a la exportación los animales no presentaron signos de enfermedades infectocontagiosas.*
3. The sheep were shorn within 30 days of shipment.  
*Los ovinos fueron trasquilados dentro de los 30 días previos a la exportación.*
4. The male animals to be exported were castrated.  
*Los machos a exportar fueron castrados.*
5. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin proteins to ruminant animals except milk and milk products.  
*En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con proteínas de origen rumiante, excepto leche y proteínas de leche.*
6. On the day of exportation, the animals did not show clinical signs of scrapie.  
*El día de su exportación, los animales no mostraron signos clínicos de scrapie.*  
[This statement will be also written on the VS FORM 17 – 37]

7. The animals are transported in vehicles that were cleaned and disinfected prior to shipment. The vehicles were sealed from the embarkation place to the Mexican border. *Los vehículos utilizados para el transporte de los animales fueron sometidos a limpieza y desinfección antes del embarque. Los vehículos de transporte fueron flejados desde el lugar de origen hasta el punto de ingreso a México.*

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at the following border point: Del Rio, Texas.
2. All animals must be identified by eartag. In addition, they must be identified by paint brand, specifically an "X," approximately 5 inches x 5 inches in size, located dorsocaudally (i.e., in the tail head area).
3. Upon arrival, the animals will be inspected by an official veterinarian of zoosanitary safety at the installations authorized by the Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA). After inspection, the trucks will be sealed and the seal can only be broken in the registered slaughter plant by the SAGARPA Delegation in the State of destination, as stated in the slaughter contract, validated by SAGARPA's Delegation in the destination State and with the signature and seal of the veterinarian approved for plants dedicated to slaughter animals, and responsible for the slaughterhouse where the sacrifice will take place. The original contract will be placed in the corresponding file of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Office (Oficina de Inspección de Sanidad Agropecuaria-OISA).
4. A verifying veterinarian (VV) appointed by SAGARPA in the State through which the animals were imported, shall oversee the whole import process including the transportation of the animals from their departure at the OISA to the registered slaughterhouse indicated in the contract. The VV must be present during the slaughtering of the animals. At the end of the total process, the VV will submit the corresponding report and will send it to the OISA where the animals were imported and to the State Delegation of SAGARPA at the site where the animals were slaughtered. All expenses generated by this process will be charged to the importer's account.
5. The importer has to present the appointment letter of the authorized VV issued by the SAGARPA's Delegation in the State through which the animals will be imported, and this VV will take custody of the shipment as indicated in the above paragraph.
6. The importer will declare the transportation route of the shipment until its final destination, indicating the zoosanitary inspection points where the shipment will be submitted to inspection.

7. The OISA will provide the following information to the SAGARPA Delegation in the State of destination: name of the importer, import certificate number, list of seals or straps, both number of sheep imported and shipped, name of the transportation company, number of the circulating plates in the transportation cage, date and time of the importation, and estimated date and time of arrival at the final destination.
8. The only people authorized to break the seals (iron straps) are the registered slaughterhouse veterinarians or the VV authorized appointed by the SAGARPA Delegation in the State of destination
9. The shipment and documentation must comply with the dispositions of Article 24 of the Animal Health Federal Law.
10. The importation authorization will be extended only to companies included in the registry of importers of sheep for slaughter authorized by SAGARPA.